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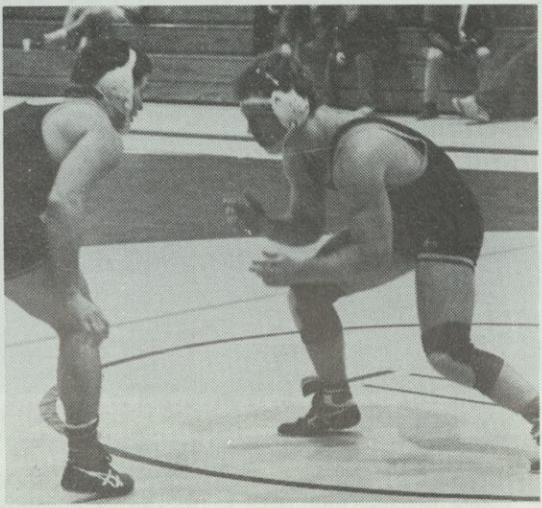

AT SALISBURY STATE COLLEGE

RON OTTO
Head Coach

RON OTTO is in his fourth season as the head coach of Salisbury State's wrestling team, and is the fourth wrestling coach at Salisbury State.

At MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL, Otto was a dominating wrestler during his four years. He accumulated an 88-12-2 record, was named the school's most valuable wrestler on three occasions and placed second in the NCAA Tournament in the College Division.

Otto's coaching career has spanned all the way back to 1970 when he was an assistant coach at Maine Township North High School in his native town of Park Ridge, IL.

Following a four year tenure in Park Ridge, he became the head coach at Willowbrook High School, where he stayed until 1978. In 1979 he became the head coach at Lafayette High School. He remained at Lafayette until 1982 when he got his first collegiate coaching break—the head coaching job at Illinois Wesleyan. Otto was at Illinois Wesleyan for two years before becoming head mentor of the Gulls.

Aside from coaching, Otto is an assistant professor in Salisbury State's Computer Science Department.

Otto and his wife Kathy live in Salisbury.

SSC All-Americans

1977-78	Joe Jarosz (5th) and Mark Jarosz (5th)
1978-79	*Eddie Bailey, *Joe Jarosz, *Mark Jarosz and Jerry McGinty (5th)
1979-80	*John Dolch, *Mark Jarosz, Eddie Bailey (2nd) and Joe Jarosz (4th)
1980-81	*John Dolch, Pete Ott (7th), Mike McInerney (3rd), Jerry McGinty (2nd) and Mike Burke (7th)
1981-82	Mike McInerney (4th)
1983-84	Mike McInerney (3rd) and John Parry (7th)
1984-85	Jim O'Halloran (3rd)

*NATIONAL CHAMPION

1987-88 Bob Kays (4th)

1987-88 PREVIEW

In his fourth season at the helm, Head Coach Ron Otto brings together a solid squad of experienced wrestlers as well as several talented recruits for 1987-88.

Having not lost anybody to graduation off of last year's team, the Gulls should be able to equal or improve on last year's success, although the schedule does include perennial Eastern wrestling powers Wilkes, Trenton State and Montclair State. However, because of a limited dual-meet schedule, Otto feels that individual perfomances at tournaments will be emphasized even more.

"We feel that those wrestlers who stick with our program for four years should be ready to compete against any wrestler in the country, at our level," says Otto. "The tough competition that we see throughout the season prepares us well for regional and national competition."

The Gulls return three NCAA qualifiers from last season in Dewayne Harris at 142 pounds, Dan Massucci at 150 pounds and Bob Kays at 158 pounds. Those three, along with returning veterans Teige McShane at 126 pounds and Jim Nestor at 167 pounds form a formidable backbone for the 1987-88 team.

There should be tense competition for the remaining starting spots, including Maryland State Place-winners Rick Wear at either 118 or 126, Jeff Hake at 158 or 167, Jack Verdirame at 142 or 150 and Corey Wilkerson at heavyweight.

Other returners are Dave Gordon, Jeff Weiner, Jerry Mears, Karl Crock and football linemen George Bethard and J.R. Harmon.

First-time SSC wrestlers include Jeff Gray, Chris Elia, Dave Dalfonso, soccer player Neil Benz and transfer M.J. Gangemi. Scott Miller should be returning from a shoulder injury while Seong Kim and Sean Fitzpatrick will become eligible in January. This group of grapplers will add depth to the line-up and present the promise for a strong nucleus for Otto's future teams.

Front row (l to r)—Seong Kim, George Bethard, Sean Fitzpatrick, Jim Nestor, Chris Elia
Back row (l to r)—Coach Ron Otto, M.J. Gangemi, Jeff Weiner, Teige McShane, Neil Benz, Karl Crock, Assistant Coach Chuck Mutschler, Trainer Jeff Wood

1987/88 SALISBURY STATE SEA GULL WRESTLING ROSTER

Name	Class	Wt	High School	Hometown
Neil Benz	SO	118	Meade	Laurel, MD
George Bethard	JR	HWT	Wilmington	Wilmington, DE
Karl Crock	SO	150	Brandywine	Wilmington, DE
Dave Dalfonso	SO	177	Wicomico	Salisbury, MD
Chris Elia	FR	150	Cape	Cape May, NJ
Sean Fitzpatrick	JR	177	Magruder	Rockville, MD
M.J. Gangemi	SO	126	North Caroline	Greensboro, MD
Dave Gordon	SR	134	North East	Elkton, MD
Jeff Gray	FR	118	AFCENT (Europe)	Cambridge, MD
Jeff Hake	FR	158	Calvert Hall	Baltimore, MD
J.R. Harmon	SO	190	Franklin	Reisterstown, MD
Dewayne Harris	SR	142	Caesar Rodney	Dover, DE
Bob Kays	SR	158	Old Mill	Severn, MD
Seong Kim	SO	134	J.M. Bennett	Alexandria, VA
Joe Mamana	JR	167	Springbrook	Silver Spring, MD
Dan Massucci	SR	150	J.M. Bennett	Salisbury, MD
Teige McShane	SR	126	J.M. Bennett	Salisbury, MD
Jerry Mears	SO	134	Laurel	Laurel, DE
Scott Miller	SO	134	DuVal	Lanham, MD
Jim Nestor	JR	167	Meade	Laurel. MD
Jack Verdirame	FR	142	North Carroll	Millers, MD
Rick Wear	FR	118	Francis Scott Key	Union Bridge, MD
Jeff Weiner	JR	126	North Hagerstown	Columbia, MD
Corey Wilkerson	FR	HWT	Chopticon	Mechanicsville, MD

HEAD COACH: Ron Otto (4th year; MacMurray State '69) ASSISTANT COACH: Chuck Mutschler

SSC TODAY

Nestled in one of the nations's most magical and historical areas, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Salisbury State College effectively combines the relaxed yet personable nature of a small college education with the rigorous academic demands of a major university.

The recreational pursuits of the Eastern Shore are legendary, from the boardwalk of Ocean City to the wilderness of Chincoteague Island to the tranquility of Blackwater Refuge near Cambridge, Md. Only 30 miles to the east is Ocean City's famous white beach and the 30 miles of Assateague Island's National and State Park.

Salisbury, Wicomico's county seat and the Shore's major city today, was laid out by a charter granted in 1732, the year George Washington was born. Progressive growth has been characteristic of Salisbury. It has grown over the years from a little crossroads town with a small lumbermill and a few stores into a flourishing business center and a chief distributing point.

The College offers undergraduate programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, and graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts in English, History and Psychology, the Master of Education, the Master of Business Administration, and the Master of Science in Nursing.

Salisbury State's undergraduate program became more defined in 1984 with the alignment of the College's major programs into five distinct schools of learning: the School of Nursing and Health Sciences; the School of Business; the School of Liberal Arts; the School of Professional Studies; and the School of Science.

1987/88 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER		
21	Gallaudet/Kean	1:00
DECEMBER		
5	York Tournament	10:00 AM
12	DELAWARE STATE	1:00
JANUARY		
9	Delaware State Tournament	10:00 AM
15	SSC GULL CLASSIC	10:00 AM
23	at York/Wilkes	1:00
30	Trenton State	1:00
FEBRUARY		
6	Old Dominion Tournament	9:00 AM
13	OPEN	
27	NCAA East Regional	7:00
28	NCAA East Regional	1:00

Home games in capitals

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Colors ..... Maroon, Gold
Arena or Stadium ..... Maggs Activity Center
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